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The reference Embassy telegrams dealing with the French Government's views on current developments in Arab-Israeli relations with particular reference to Lebanese plans for the diversion of Jordan river water, reported inter alia that the French:

> ". . . felt that the Lebanese had a right to divert waters for their own use but not for that of another state such as Syria. . ."

The Quai d'Orsay informed us on February 8, 1965, (second reftel) that this French view is based on the Lake LANOUX precedent. This precedent involved an arbitration between France and Spain over the uses of Lake Lanoux waters.

Documentation on the Lake Lanoux proceedings and findings is forwarded herewith.

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